

Kane, Brittany

From: Victor and MaryPat Leger <mleger@snet.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 9:38 PM
To: AppropriationTestimony
Cc: Amy wynn
Subject: Please fund the arts

Hello to anyone who can make a difference,

When they asked Winston Churchill why the English should protect their cultural institutions during the Blitzkrieg his response was, 'because they are what life is lived for.' A great nation deserves great art.

As an internationally award winning artist and art educator (Torrington's teacher of the year for 2010), I believe with all my heart that life would be a shallower experience without any art to make meaning of life. All the people of this great state need exposure to the arts as much as we need bread and water.

Thank you for your time,

Victor Leger